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1. IN ADDITION TO AMB POPPER (REFTEL), FONMIN CARVAJAL JAN 28 ALSO CALLED IN AMBASSADORS OF UK, AUSTRIA, FRG, TURKEY, ECUADOR, COSTA RICA, PERU, AND THE NETHERLANDS. ACCORDING TO PRESS, US WAS FIRST; INDIVIDUAL TALKS WENT ON FOR FOUR HOURS, AND ALL TALKS CONCERNED DESIRE TO KEEP POLITICS OUT OF HRC MEETING.

2. UK AND NETHERLANDS EMBASSIES TOLD EMBOFF THEY HAD RECEIVED MEMORANDUM THAT SOUNDS SIMILAR TO ONE WE RECEIVED. CARVAJAL REPORTEDLY TOLD DUTCH GOC WAS DISAPPOINTED IN ATTITUDE OF TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, WHO NOW SEEM TO GO OUT OF WAY TO EMBARRASS OR OPPOSE GOC. DUTCH EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT TONE OF CARVAJAL'S MESSAGE WAS MORE ONE OF SORROW THAN ANGER. HIS AMBASSADOR(WHO BELIEVES HIS GOVERNMENT HAS GONE MUCH TOO FAR IN OPPOSING GOC) REPLIED TO CARVAJAL HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO ENLIST DUTCH COOPERATION, BUT SAID DECISION LAY AT POLITICAL LEVEL, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH IS SENSITIVE TO DOMESTIC PUBLIC OPINION. AMBASSADOR

SUGGESTED CHILEAN DELEGATION LOBBY OTHER DELS EFFECTIVELY,
ACCENTUATING POSITIVE ASPECTS OF CHILE'S "NEW IMAGE."
ASKED CARVAJAL TO TELL HIM IF DUTCH DEL DOES NOT COOPERATE,
SO HE COULD WEIGH IN WITH HIS FONMIN. CARVAJAL REPORTEDLY
TOOK SAME POSITION ON POSSIBILITY OF GOC RECEIVING STUDY
GROUP AS IN TALK WITH AMB POPPER.

3. COMMENT. THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CHILEAN EFFORT
CONFIRMS THAT GOC REALIZES IMPORTANCE OF HRC MEETING, AND
REINFORCES OUR IMPRESSION THAT GOC MAY BE MORE FLEXIBLE AT
MEETING.

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